THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The average installed sugar production capacity of a sugar mill in Gujarat States as on 31.01.1995 was 0.415 lak tonnes as against the national average of 0.2718 lakh tonnes.

(c) and (d) The required inorma-tion is as under:—

| Sugar Season | Cane crushed (lakh tonnes) | | Sugar Production (lakh tonnes) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Gujarat | All India | Gujarat | All India |
| 1991-92 | 67.63 | 1339.99 | 7.53 | 134.11 |
| 1992-93 | 66.25 | 1029.71 | 1.51 | 106.09 |
| 1993-94 (Provisional) | 74.42 | 980.52 | 8.26 | 98.12 |

(e) The Government have taken/ initiated the following measures in order to give a boost to the sugarcane production during 1994-95 sugar season:—

(i) Early-crushing incentives have been announced in the form of higher freesale quota at 72 per cent, as against the normal entitlement of 60 per cent to sugar mills for the production achieved during the period -.10.1994 to 15.11.1994.

. (ii) Late-crushing incentives have been announced in the form of higher freesale quota at 75 per cent, as against the normal entitle-men tof 60 ,per cent sugar mills for the production achieved during the period 1.10.1994 to 15.11.1994.

(iii) The Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane for 1994-season has been raised to Rs-39.10 per quintal linked to the Basic recovery of. 8.5 per cent with a premium of Rs. 0.46 for every 0.1 per cent point increase in the recovery above that level upto 10 per cent and Rs. 0.60 for every 0.1 per cent point increase in the re-covery above 10 per cent.

(iv) An advance announcement of SMP for 1995-96 season has also been made at Rs. 42.50 per. quintal linked to *a.* basic recovery, of 8.5 per cent, subject to premium for higher recoveries.

(v) Loans are also being provided from the Sugar Development Fund at concessional rates of interest to sugar factories for undertaking cane development schemes in their areas of operation.

**Estimated Production and Requirement of sugar**

5128. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of sugar producttion during the year 1993-94 and what is estimated production during current year;

(b) what is. the estimated consumption of sugar during current year and whether consumption is more than the estimated production and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have decided to import 5 lakh tonnes of sugar during this year and if so, what are the details thereof includ-ing the expenditure involved therein;

(d) whether it is also a fact that sugar prices have again started showing upward trend and if so, the, details thereof and measure taken to arrest the price rise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The sugar produc- tion during the sugar year 1993-94 (.October-September) was 98.12 lakh tonnes (Provisional). The sugar production during the current sugur year 1994-35 is estimated to be around 133 lakh tonnes.

(b) The internal consumption of sugar during the season 1994-95 is estimated at 117.93 lakh tonnes, as against the estimated production of 133 lakh tonnes during this season.

(c) With a view to ensure adequate availability of sugar in the country, the Government had directed the State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (STC) and the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (MMTC) to enter into the forward contracts for import of sugar-Accordingly, they have contracted for 4.05 lakh tonnes of imported sugar at an average price of US $428.05 per tonnes C-& FFO.

(d) The wholesale price index of sugar which was 228.8 in October, 1994, declined to 222.0 in December, 1994 & further to 218.4 in March, 1995.

**State-wise production and consumption of sugar**

5129. SHRI V, RAJAN CHELLAPPA; Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of sugar during 1994 and estimated for 1995. State-wise;

(b) the production of sugar in the same period, State-wise;

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(c) the production and consump tion of sugar in Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the total quantity of sugarcane given to the sugar mills and the percentage of recovery thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The all India consumption of sugar during the sugar years 1993-94 and 1994-95 (October-September) is as follows:—

(lakh tonnes)

| Sugar Year | Consumption |
|---|---|
| 1993-94 (Provisional) | 111.37 |
| 1994-95 (Estimated) | 117.93 |

Information regarding State-wise consumption of sugar especially of free sale sugar cannot be furnished as there is no restriction on inter-State movement of free sale sugar.

(b) A Statement showing the Statewise production of sugar during the sugar years 1993-94 and 1994-95 (up to 15th April, 1995 is attached)

(c) The production of sugar during the last three Sugar years in the State of Tamil Nadu was as under:—

(lakh Tonnes)

| Sugar Year (Oct.-Sept.) | Production |
|---|---|
| 1991-92 | 12.64 |
| 1992-93 | 9.76 |
| 1993-94 (Provisional) | 10.85 |

The normal monthly allocation *of* levy sugar to the State of Tamil Nadu for distribution through, the Public Distribution System is 22547 tonnes. In addition, 6790 tonnes per annum is allotted to Tamil Nadu as festival quota of levy sugar.

Since there is no restriction on "inter-State movement of freesale sugar, it is not possible to furnish the consumption of freesale sugar, Statewise.